

# THE WHOLE TRUTH

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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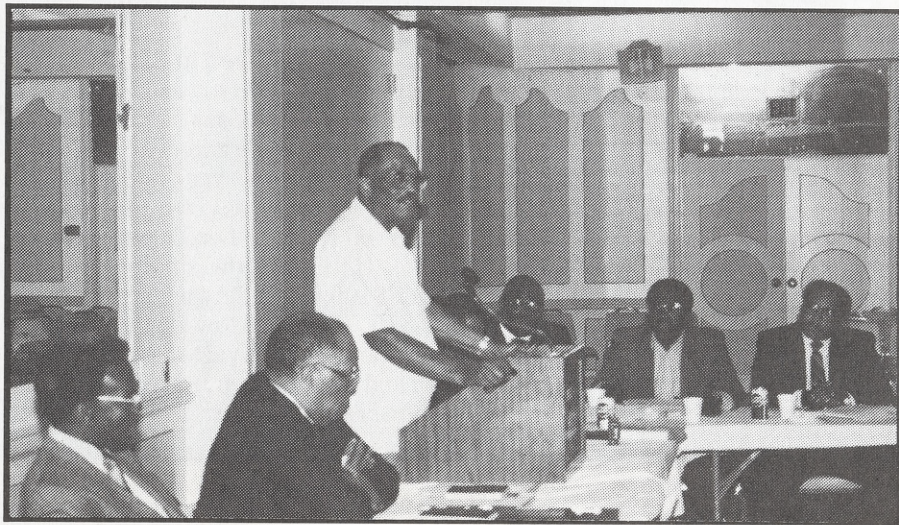
AUGUST, 1989

## Assembly Executives Met/Hailed the Chief

Dr. Frank Ellis and the executive committee of the General Assembly convened their annual executive committee meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, July 18-20, 1989. This meeting was an historic event, as for many years the meeting convened in other cities. The fact the headquarters of the Church was selected made it a special event. Likewise, the visit of Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., to the meeting further heightened the significance of this meeting. Elder Ellis wanted to conduct the business of the organization in the headquarters building. He expressed the desire to use the headquarters facility because of its availability and it's a natural place for such activity. "We meet in the headquarters to review everything that goes before the General Assembly. Certainly, all things should be done openly and above board. We are not here to dwell on the past, but to deal effectively with the present and the future", reflected the chairman.

Chairman Ellis opened the meeting by affirming the General Assembly's unique position as the legislative branch of our Church's government. He proceeded to tighten up his own administrations ranks by appointing Bishop C.L. Sexton as the Vice Chairman. Bishop Sexton is accustomed to that role as he capably served under the former chairman, Bishop L.E. Willis. Before the business of committees and reports from the various commissions got underway, the chairman appointed Elder Thomas Jackson the secretary for the General Assembly Executive board.

Amid all the agendas reports and appointments, possibly the highlight of the entire meeting was the visit of the presiding bishop. Chief Apostle J.O. Patterson, Sr., came and addressed the delegation. Never had such an opportunity been extended and acted upon. The chief gave greetings and addressed many significant issues. He was indeed glad the chair extended the opportunity for him to visit and demonstrate a sense of accord. Bishop Patterson was pleased to witness the conscientious work being conducted by the chairman. He commented that good communication and cooperation between



The Chief addresses assembly executives

the two branches of Church government was appropriate.

The visit was hailed as a new level of fellowship and cooperation. Bishop Patterson did not stay very long but took the opportunity to encourage the delegates to continue their in behalf of the assembly. The chief apostle was busy; having resumed his usual schedule of executive activities for the Church. Though he appeared casually dressed before the delegates, the bishop was all business, he interrupted his many activities to play host and make the historic visit. From all accounts it appeared everyone was blessed by their interaction.

After Bishop Patterson finished his remarks Chairman Ellis asked the delegation to stand for prayer. In deep respect and sincerity, the entire delegation offered prayer for the leader of the Church and affirmed their support for his leadership. An historic picture was taken with Bishop Patterson and the entire delegation. All individuals personally felt the benefit of the interaction between the presiding officer and the General Assembly.

It was business all day and most of the next as well. The executive committee heard reports from the commissions and committee. Reports were received from the credentials committee, rules committee, and housing and travel committee. Mrs. Mary Patterson made a presentation before the entire group. The constitutional committee report was given. Items like the forth coming Judiciary Board and its composition, and operation were examined. Issues of establishing jurisdictions, election of

General Assembly secretary and the Vice chairman were discussed by the entire group. In the area of public policy, Elder Charles Brown of New Orleans was tabbed the assembly's spokesmen. Also Bishop German Ross, General Secretary of the Church was there to dialogue about convention registration. He will also take the General Assembly's Agenda to the General Board of Bishops in order to obtain any items the board request. This process will make known any items the General Board may request. This process should promote an agenda that both groups are knowledgeable about.

There were other items on the agenda and the chairman pushed ahead. Issues like women in ministry, protocol, job descriptions, etc., were considered. The executive committee labored two days and hammered out issue upon issue. Their hope is that a better organized and more meaningful assembly be had. Dr. Frank is moving the assembly in a positive direction.

## Patterson Reception: Regal

Bishop and Mrs. J.O. Patterson, Sr., celebrated their union in marriage with family and well wishers from around the country. Thursday July 13, 1989, in the Main Ballroom of the Hotel Peabody, the Saints and friends gathered to express their love and appreciation. The Patterson's graciously welcomed all comers with dignity and honor, as only they could.

Bishop and Mrs. Patterson were married on Monday, April 17, 1989 in a small private ceremony. Bishop underwent serious surgery and the wedding took place soon after his release from the hospital. After a small period of time the couple felt the appropriate time to share their happiness had come. Hence, the great gathering at the Peabody allowed them an opportunity to exchange greetings and embrace the Saints whom they love.

The Hotel Peabody was splendidly decorated and the banquet tables were extraordinarily prepared with a variety of delicious foods. The hand sculpted ice figure, a beautiful swan, depicted the glamor and grandeur of this social event. The guests who, walked talked and laughed during the evening were



Bishop and Mrs. Patterson are greeted with flowers.

beautiful and dressed handsomely for the gathering, as were all the jurisdictional bishops, jurisdictional supervisors, pastors, Saints, and friends. Memphis' top business governmental officials were present to give personal honor to the first couple.

After the couple entered the ballroom to a standing ovation, the activities started, lines of people eagerly received the couple and presentation of flowers and gifts were given. Bishop addressed the Saints and friends in attendance. He was pleased that so many came from so far. He spoke of his love for Mary and the happiness which they share

together. He acknowledged the love and support given him by his family. He pointed to Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr., and daughter, Janet, as well as the grandchildren. Bishop testified about his hope and commitment to God and the Church. The entire night made him very happy, indeed. Mrs. Patterson stood by his side and acknowledged his every word.

As things were drawing to a close, bishop called a sainted quest to the platform. It was not a member of the General Board of Bishops, rather a jurisdictional Supervisor, Mother Mary J. Hopkins. Mother is supervisor of the Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, Bishop P.A. Brook is the prelate. The 102 years old lady came with a ready testimony. Her vital presence sparked the crowd. As she spoke, the Saints rejoiced with her about the long life and walk with Christ.

As the evening ended, the Pattersons said good night to all the well wishers and bid them God's speed. Certainly, the guests received his blessing and will continue to pray for the bishop and his lovely wife.



# THE WHOLE TRUTH

## Bishop's Letter

To The Precious Saints of God:

This communique comes to inform you of the celebration of the One Hundred Twenty-sixth Anniversary of the birth of our Founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, which is to be held in Lexington and Jackson, Mississippi, September 5-8, 1989.

Our Church, which started in Mississippi, has grown to the extent that our witness is now present in forty-seven countries around the world. God used our Founding Father to begin alone but today our numbers exceed three and one-half million servants of Jesus Christ.

I am calling the Church Of God In Christ, and our fellow believers, to remember our Founder and our heritage through our meeting in Mississippi during Heritage Week. The following activities have been planned and we pray that you will be a part of all, or some part of the week's observance.

### RESTORING THE OLD LANDMARKS.

This will begin with Builders, Carpenters, Brick Masons, Landscapers, Painters, etc. converging on Memphis on Monday, September 4th. Men and women from across the Nation are coming to Memphis on that day, bringing their tools and skills for improving and restoring the "heritage landmarks of the Church at Lexington."

ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY is intended to train our "future" leadership but SAINTS RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER in Lexington, Mississippi is being created to enhance the ministry of the "present" leadership of the Church.

During the week of September 4th we will donate our skills and services to the project

called "RESTORATION" and those persons who come will be housed and fed during their stay in the Heritage State of the Church. The Saints Center Corporation will be responsible for feeding while the Mississippi Jurisdictions have agreed to house us during that entire week.

**YOUTH RALLY** - Thursday, September 7th  
The Jurisdictions of Mississippi have planned a Rally, sponsored by the young people, to be held at Davis Temple in Jackson. This evening service is a tribute to the life and influence of Bishop Mason and the youth of the Church wanted to share in this momentous celebration.

### CELEBRATION OF A HOLY HERITAGE

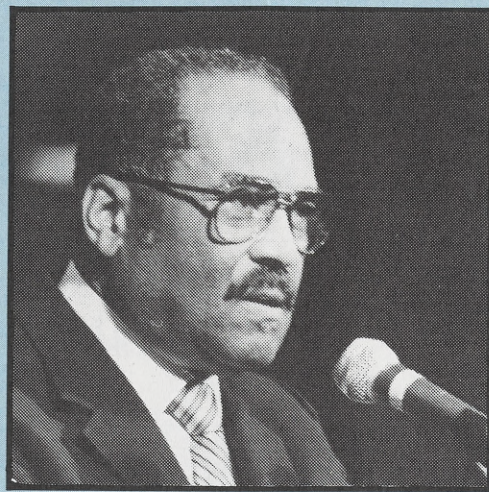
Friday, September 8th

This celebration is hosted by the "HERITAGE STATES" of Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee along with Louisiana. These four states have united to sponsor this mass Rally and Celebration at the JACKSON CIVIC CENTER in Jackson, Mississippi.

Music is planned with our heritage in mind. Honor Guard, Banners, and colorful remembrances will be given to those who are in attendance.

Last year a "Heritage Coin" was struck to give to those in attendance and contributors to All Saints University. This year a memento of our celebration will also be given.

We have asked that the Lord's people share with use the "UNIT" in the small amount of one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars on that evening. Your gift of \$100.00 will go toward the continuation of the vision which provides for a school for our children and a retreat center and conference haven for our present leaders and the saints.



Bishop J. O. Patterson

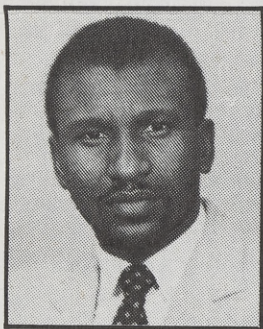
I hope you can be a part of the celebration of our Founder's Birth by sending your gift and encouraging others to send a gift as well.

Finally, since I realize that all of our Saints cannot be in Jackson for the celebration of the Birth of our Founder, I am proclaiming

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1989  
FOUNDER'S DAY**

and I am requesting all Day Care Centers, Kid-die Kolleges, Parochial Schools, and other institutions of learning in the Church Of God In Christ to organize a special time for teaching the children of our Founding Father and, if possible I would ask that each school hold a special Assembly of Afternoon Vesper Service in Memory of Bishop Mason. I have ordered the World Headquarters CLOSED on that day and it would be so nice if all C.O.G.I.C. Sponsored Institutions would do the same or as we have requested in the foregoing sentences.

*J. O. Patterson, Sr., Presiding Bishop*



Dr. David Hall

## Editorial

By Dr. David Hall

Will someone please inform me what Charisma Magazine is attempting to communicate? It was earlier in the year that Charisma and Jamie Buckingham released some unkind and obviously misguided opinions about the status of

the black Church. This article entitled the Last Word was scrutinized by many of our leading scholars. Men like Bishops Clemmons and McKinney wrote replies in protest to counteract such negative press. Well, Charisma is at it again, their August 89 edition features an article entitled, "The Assemblies of God 75 years of Faith, Outreach and Growth," by Edward E. Plowman and he slants history and speaks of some unwritten agreement between the Church Of God In Christ and the Assemblies.

I personally thank God for the contribution the Assemblies of God have made to the Kingdom of

God. Still, I can't control what they tell their people and the world about the history and development of their organization. I only ask Charisma get its fact correct or leave the Church Of God In Christ out of their rewrite history. Plowman's article mentioned that in Hot Springs, Arkansas 300 Christians met and there the Assemblies was began. The Church Of God in Christ was listed among those who participated at the Hot Springs, Arkansas gathering.

The truth is that Bishop C.H. Mason was there to ordain their newly developing Assemblies leadership. The Church Of God In Christ was in full swing and the only recognized Pentecostal body of that day. In reality, Bishop Mason was there extending a helping hand to fellow Christians. For his efforts, 75 years later Plowman fails to appreciate his actual involvement.

Next point is the ridiculous statement which reflected, "A relatively new outreach priority is the black community. Assemblies scholars and black Assemblies clergy attribute years of inaction partly to an unwritten agreement to defer such ministry to the Church Of God In Christ and partly to the tacit racism bound up in white society for decades." I personally know of no bishop living or dead in our

Church with knowledge of such an unwritten agreement. Still, this slant on history implies our Church was part and parcel of some racist game. I say this "so called" agreement was unilateral and racially motivated by the Assemblies alone. Charisma magazine is wrong and owes our Saints an apology. Furthermore, articles such as these don't create any anomalous situations within our ranks. Our Church is strong and can't be shaken by historical slants. Lastly, Charisma should take my advice and work for fellowship and brotherly accord with the Church Of God In Christ and her potential 3 million readers. Her editors could facilitate this through printing fair, accurate, and undiased articles. If they can't be proper then leave my Church out of their spurious propaganda.

## Brooks



Bishop P.A. Brooks was introduced to an overflow crowd at the annual NAACP convention. Dr. Ben Hooks, president of the NAACP commented the opening worship service was the largest to ever begin the convention. Bishop Brooks challenged the delegates with spirit filled preaching.

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## OBITUARY

On November 25, 1905, Bishop Mark G. Grady was born to Emmanuel and Emma Jones Grady in Muldoon, Texas.

In 1921, he accepted Christ and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in a service conducted by Mother Luvena Taylor in Muldoon. A few days later, he acknowledged his call to the ministry. He traveled extensively to carry the good news of Jesus Christ to lost souls. Years later, Bishop Grady married Roberta Freeman and to this union was added one girl and three boys.

In July, 1930, Bishop Grady heard and responded to the call to go to San Antonio, Texas. In January 1931, Supt. E. E. Hamilton appointed his pastor of the Kenwood Church Of God In Christ, San Antonio. In 1943, this church was remodeled by Bishop Grady and the name was changed to Grady Chapel Church Of God In Christ. In 1970, Grady Chapel's members along with their Pastor chose to move to 1101 Nolan Street where the church is presently located. He served his congregation faithfully until his health began to deteriorate in February, 1985.

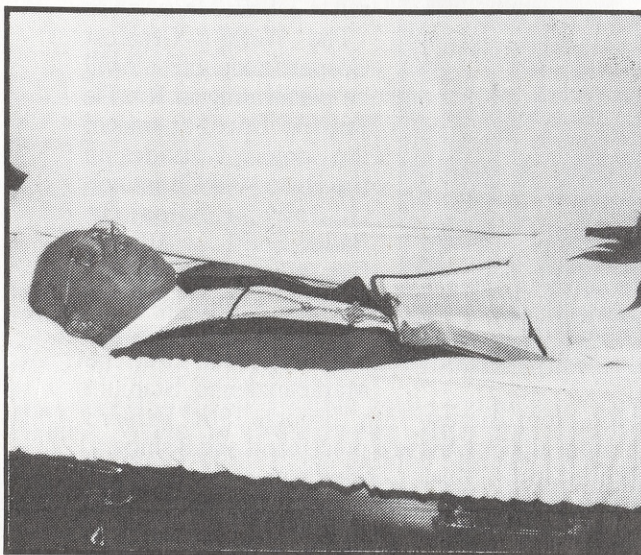
Bishop Grady has served as Pastor of Churches in LaGrange, Lockhart, Corpus Christi and Temple, Texas.

His favorite song was: "Church I'm Fully Saved Today" and his favorite scripture was: II Chronicles 7:14.

Some of the positions he held in the church were: Pastor, Sunday School Supt.—San Antonio District, District Supt.—Lockhart District, YPWW Original Chairman of Texas and Oklahoma, and the First President of C. H. Mason System of Bible Colleges—San Antonio, Texas. In 1968, he was appointed State Bishop of Texas Southeast Second Jurisdiction.

Bishop Grady was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1974.

He was a teacher, preacher, singer, musician leader and a great humanitarian. His courage, aspiration, character, action, achievement, happiness, love, determination, friendship and faith will frequently flash across the minds of



Bishop M. G. Grady

those who knew him as they seek to emulate his outstanding personality. It's not what Bishop Grady had, nor even what he did which directly expresses his worth, but it's what he was. He was an instrument in the hand of the Almighty God. He knew how to make goodness attractive, for he gave without remembering and he received without forgetting. At approximately 8:00 P.M. on the evening of Sunday, June 25, 1989, God reached down into the N.E. Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Texas and released Bishop Grady from his pain and suffering. He leaves to celebrate his home going a daughter, Vera Neil, two sons, Max Grady and Robert Grady, one brother, Emmanuel Grady, seventeen grand children, twelve great grand children, a god-daughter, Beatrice French of San Francisco, CA., a host of nieces and nephews and the saints

and love ones here and all over the world.

The Churches Of God In Christ have experienced a great loss.

But our loss is heaven's gain.

## NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

Elder John W. Williams Jr. Chief Registrar for the past twelve years, has been appointed assistant General Secretary in charge of Registration. He succeeds the Bishop E. H. Moore.

Williams has served our Grand Old Church Of God In Christ and the General Secretary's Office with Vigor, Faithfulness, and Dedication, the promotion is well earned.

Being apart of registration for the aforementioned number of years, Williams says he is keenly aware of needy improvements. He promises to work hard to upgrade the registration process, and bring about the implementation of a well organized fully staffed department. He also feels legitimate complaints should be addressed in a positive way, as to benefit the department, and the constituency of General Assembly. Williams says his office will be open to all at all times. His staff will be well qualified to meet all registrations needs.

He resides in Southern California with his wife Irma Hohnetta. He is the pastor of the Faithful Church Of God In Christ, Compton, California. Dr. Charles E. Blake is his Jurisdictional Bishop.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Sister Wilma Hughey, Director Historical Museum and Fine Arts Center has another distinction to add to her many accomplishments. Mrs. Hughey was recently appointed as the first black female principal in the Elmira, New York, City, School District. The 14 year veteran teacher/administrator was heralded as an excellent choice.

Sister Hughey worked as an aide while attending Elmira College. After graduation she taught second grade at the former Fassett Elementary School in 1975, then taught at Diven School for two years. She taught fifth and sixth grades also. Mrs. Hughey has served as a personnel administrator, an assistant principal and is currently completing some doctoral hours. Now she takes the helm at Beecher School.

Known for her terrific energy, quality skills and outstanding academic credentials, she is applauded as the right choice. Beecher School will have a first class educator/administrator in charge.

In the Church Of God In Christ Mrs. Hughey is a tireless and faithful worker. Along with pastor Leo Hughey, her husband, the entire Hughey family is involved in the ministry of Christ.

The Whole Truth extends congratulations to Sister Hughey.

## First-Of-Its-Kind Biographical Dictionary Of African-American Holiness-Pentecostals 1880-1990

By Sherry DuPree

Middle Atlantic Regional Press Washington, D.C.  
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Sherry Dupree has written a comprehensive dictionary containing more than 1,000 biographical sketches in over 150 current and retrospective reference sources including over 300 oral interviews. This 10 year effort fills a need for a comprehensive biographical dictionary based on scholarly research of Holiness-Pentecostals of African descent in the United States.

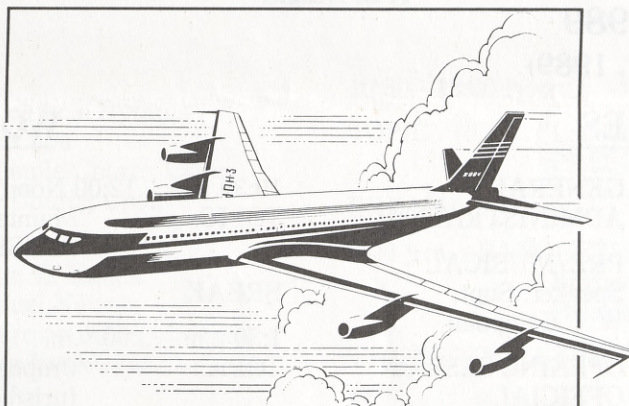
Given the preponderance of Church Of God In Christ entrants, COGIC lay persons and ministers should find this book of particular interest. There is an extensive entry on Church founder, Bishop C.H. Mason, as well as the present senior Bishop J.O. Patterson. Additionally, the first church mother, Lizzie Roberson is included, along with Mothers Lillian Coffey, Annie Bailey and Mattie McGlothen. Many of the present bishops, state mothers, elders and active lay persons are also described. One can actually 'live' experiences which vividly describe COGIC's early growth and current development. Holiness-Pentecostalism as a way of life comes alive via these individuals.

Dupree's book has also received noteworthy



recognition from religion scholars, clergy, and others. The book was written with a scholar's insight and a 'saints' sensitivity. In fact, many readers, particularly younger ones, will simply enjoy the pages of COGIC history as it unfolds about prominent founders, musicians, missionaries and educators. This book is a must for all church libraries and Bible Colleges.

The hardcover is \$29.95 and the paperback is \$23.95. This book is available in the Church of God in Christ bookstores, contact Mrs. Geraldine Miller. Also it will be available at the Convocation in November, the author will be available to autograph your book.



### Convocation Travel?

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### Property in Lexington Miracle

The "heritage landmarks property in Lexington" will be the site of a miracle.

On Monday Sept. 4th Builders, Carpenters, Brick Masons, Landscapers, Painters, etc., will converge on Memphis to begin.

Men and women from all across the nation will be bringing their talents and tools, as a celebration of Help Week, to improve and restore those landmarks of the Property in Lexington.



## SHUT-IN REVIVAL-MONTHLY 3-DAY CONSECRATIONS

Dear Prayer Partner:

Praise the Lord! When the praises go up, the blessings do come down. This year has been filled with blessings and as we've praised the Lord, we have seen the flow, bringing healing, deliverance, joy, peace, patience, deeper, commitments to God and to each other. We have rejoiced to see others coming from far and near, by land and by air, just to be in each Shut-in to spend time with God and to encourage one another.

As we shut-in monthly, continue to join us where you are. Bathe each Shut-in with your prayers and come expecting greater works among us. Pray for every need and believe God, He never fails.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and your prompt consideration in this effort. Thank you for your obedience to God in all things, for He does use each of us to do our part that Shut-in ministry can be a blessing everywhere. God bless you and keep you looking to Him alone.

Yours in Christ, Service

Enang. Mamie Sconiers Leonard & Team  
Beverly Winston, Secretary

Sept. 14-16	New Life Holiness Church Pasadena, CA Pastor I. E. Medlock
Oct. 19-21	Greater Open Door Church Long Beach, CA Pastor J. Harden
Nov. 2-4	Trinity All Nations Baptist Church Memphis, TN Pastor R. Berry
Dec. 7-9	St. Stephens COGIC San Diego, CA Bishop G. D. McKinney

## News Release



Vernard Johnson, referred to in Spin Magazine as "The World's Greatest Gospel Saxophonist," will be performing in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil at one of the largest Crusades in the History of Christianity. Johnson joins Dr. Bailey Smith of Atlanta, GA who will be the Crusade Evangelist.

Hundreds of thousands are expected at the Maracanazinho Stadium in Rio from August 16th through 19th. Vernard Johnson, along with his 4 piece band and 8 singers, will do a Gospel Music Concert to an expected crowd of over 200,000 people on August 19th in Rio. The Crusade and Johnson's Concert will be televised throughout the entire nation of Brazil to over 40 million people making this the largest Gospel Music Concert in music history.

The Crusade and Johnson's Concert are being supported by over 7,000 churches that have pledged to undergird this event. Also, there will be 1,000 Revivals in local churches throughout Brazil culminating with this large Crusade and Concert.

Robert Palmer of the New York Times stated, "The moment one hears Mr. Johnson, it's evident that a unique artist has arrived...His New York concert was a highly impressive debut and almost exhaustingly cathartic."

One might describe Johnson as a world talent. He was recently America's representative at the Berlin, Germany Jazz Festival where he premiered Gospel music at this Festival for the very first time.

In Liberia, Africa he performed before the President, in Haiti—before a Crusade audience of 55,000 people, in Poland—before the Ambassador of Poland, and in Africa—to the King and Queen of the Zulu Tribe. Also, he has performed to scores of people in India, Rome, Brazil, the Holy Land, and many other places.

He has appeared on virtually every major Christian television broadcast in America, including 'The 700 Club,' 'Trinity Broadcasting,' 'The Old Time Gospel Hour,' 'PTL,' 'The Church Of God In Christ Telecast,' 'Southern Baptist Radio & TV Commission,' and many many others. But wherever he goes, he plays for Jesus!

## Reverend James Gaylord Honored at 6th Year Anniversary Celebration

Reverend James Gaylord, Pastor of Kelly Temple COGIC was honored in a two-day celebration on March 3rd and 4th, 1989, by the Kelly Temple Church Family to commemorate his sixth year anniversary.

Pastor Gaylord, who served as Assistant Pastor for ten (10) years under Bishop O. M. Kelly (Founder of Kelly Temple), was appointed pastor upon Kelly's demise in 1982. Since Elder Gaylord was installed as Pastor in March 1983, Kelly Temple has been on a spiritual surge. Church membership has grown, many physical improvements to the church edifice has been made, but most importantly, the Harlem Community is aware of our presence. Since 1985, Kelly Temple has sponsored an outdoor outreach service where the community is fed physically and spiritually.

Pastor Gaylord has recently been selected as Special Assistant to Bishop Ithiel Clemmons, Jurisdictional Bishop of the Eastern New York First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church Of God In Christ. Pastor Gaylor has also been appointed to the position of District Superintendent of the Central East District and on April 17-21 he presided over his first district meeting.

In addition to our local celebration in March, Pastor Gaylord was chosen as "Pastor of the Week" March 13-19 by Radio Station WWRL, the number One Inspirational Gospel Station reaching over 33,000 listeners in the New York, New Jersey area.

Kelly Temple was also the host church for the Sixty Eighth Spring Conference held during Holy Week, under the leadership of Bishop Ithiel Clemmons from March 20-27, 1989. The jurisdiction came together in a week of praise under the theme of "An Easter People" in a Good Friday World" (Romans 8:11 - ACTS 22:1-6).

Always humble in spirit, Pastor Gaylord has forged ahead in leadership. His primary goal is to win souls. He is sensitive to the needs of all people which is evident in the many community oriented programs he has instituted.

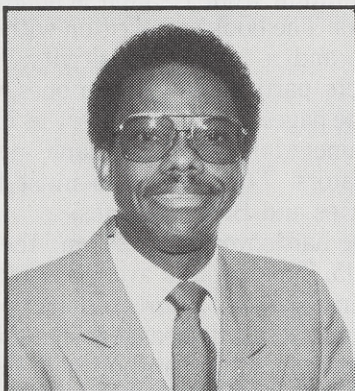
The most significant of these programs is our annual outdoor, outreach service which will be held this year on September 7th and 9th. We are extending our invitation to anyone in the New York area at that time to come and worship with use. To God be the Glory for the things He has done.

Submitted By: Sister Valerie Coles

Sister Misani Gayle  
Public Relations

## 1989 National Pastors/Elders Council Conference

It is not too late to attend the 1989 National Pastor/Elders Council Conference. Chairman F. E. Knight desires to see as many pastors, elders, and their wives as possible in Chicago, Illinois, September 12-14, 1989. For hotel reservations at the McCormick Center Hotel call toll free 1-800-3452. To make lowest air and train travel arrangements call free 1-800-426-2861. Please read the following Schedule of Activities and plan to attend.



F. E. Knight

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14, 1989  
(PRE-MUSICAL -- SEPTEMBER 11, 1989)

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 11, 1989 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	- GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
	BREAK 7:30 p.m.	- PRE-MUSICAL Speaker: Supt. W. J. Campbell
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 12, 1989 9:00 a.m.	- OPENING SESSION - OFFICIAL GREETINGS Supt. F. E. Knight, Chairman
		- WELCOME Bishop Louis H. Ford First Assistant Residing Bishop
		- OFFICIAL RESPONSE Elder J. P. Morgan 1st Vice Chairman

ECHOS—JURISDICTIONAL ELDERS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN  
(Illinois - Indiana - Wisconsin)

### WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon	TOPIC: "Maintaining Spirituality in a Growing Church"
	PRESENTER - Elder James C. Austin - Chicago, IL
BREAK	
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	TOPIC: "Proposed Procedures & Guidelines For Jurisdictional Elders Councils"
	PRESENTER - Elder Dwight McDaniels - St. Louis MO
	WOMEN'S SESSION Coordinators: Mrs. Bonnie Knight & Mrs. Sarah Lee Newton
BREAK	
4:00 p.m. - DINNER	Hosted by St. Luke Church of God in Christ (Bus Transportation will be provided to site)
7:30 p.m. - EVENING WORSHIP	Elder Isaiah Grover, Presiding Elder Charles Black, Assisting
	*ECHOS - JURISDICTIONAL CHAIRMAN (2 minutes)

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## "Save The Children"

Concerning the issues of today, it appears society is devoting an enormous amount of time on the topic of "Saving the Children". Encouraging them to "Just say No" to alcohol, drugs, and sex. Their intentions are good, none-the-less, their efforts don't seem to be working. For statistics reflect a substantial increase in alcoholism among teens, drug abuse, and teenage pregnancy. Now we see suicide, the second leading cause of death among teens has reached its record high.

No one should have to wonder what the predisposing factors are that's causing such a disturbance in the children of today. Look at their environment. Isn't it enough they have to drink contaminated water and breathe polluted air that has holes in the ozone layers. Much less having to deal with situations that can be avoided.

Being tossed to and fro from birth to adulthood, children are succumbing to pressures on every hand. Not necessarily forced on them by their peers, but from society itself.

It's disheartening to know that over a million and a half legal abortions are performed annually, yet the pro-choice group (those who favor abortions) lobby for it to remain legal. We hear and read of innocent children who are beaten, scalded, or drowned to death by live-in partners. While other forms of abuse and molestation by prominent figures (Doctors, Teachers, etc.) are on the uprise. Even incest, one of the most used to be hidden forms of abuse has taken its upward surge. And now assassins are walking on school grounds and fatally wounding unoffending children, and anyone in the vicinity. Society executes people and receives a standing ovation, while raising the question as to whether they should execute teenagers. The result of that poll was devastating! Yet, we keep hearing the outcry "SAVE THE CHILDREN". Exactly which children are they referring to?

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## C.O.G.I.C. Representatives Attend Hunger Convention

Washington, D.C. Bread for the World, a Christian grassroots lobbying organization working to end world hunger, held its first National Membership Gathering June 20-23, 1989 in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Pinkie Roland, Mrs. Catherine Durham and Mrs. Marie Bledsoe of Mt. Carmel Church of God in Christ, 2025 North 12th, Kansas City, Kansas, Kansas East Jurisdiction; represented hundreds of members from Kansas in celebrating Bread for the World's 15th year of enabling people and churches to influence national policy on hunger issues.

According to the Rev. Arthur Simon, founder and president of Bread for the World, "There are millions alive today because of Bread for the World members and volunteers across the country that

get the messages to the key decision makers that make the difference to these hungry people."

The Reverend James Forbes, Jr., pastor of the Riverside Church in New York City, commended Bread for the World's effort saying, "The very nature of Bread for the World is the gift of discernment and reality when people are hungry. Bread for the World hangs in for the long haul, creating advocacy networks and systemic changes that sustains action and meets needs."

Members attended workshops on hunger issues such as foreign aid, U.S. agricultural policy, and unemployment, as well as workshops on hunger activism skills such as campus organizing, public speaking and working with the media.

While in Washington, D.C., the C.O.G.I.C. DELEGATION also lobbied Senators Dole and Kassebaum and Congresswoman Jan Meyers for full funding of the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, infants, and Children (WIC), and for Senate Bill 507, which calls for comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa.

## INSPIRATIONAL TALK A LEGACY OF JESUS

Jesus was here on earth in person for a short time only, but He left us a legacy, according to His last will and testament. Through the will of Jesus, we are beneficiaries of eternal life.

We receive sanctification, for it was His will that we be sanctified through the truth. God's word is truth. We receive, by inheritance, protection from evil, for it was in His will, that we would not be taken out of the world, but kept from the evil.

Our prosperity is in the will of Jesus, for He will cause us to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed us with the heritage of Jacob our Father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Through His will, we receive the attributes of Jesus, with love as the motivating force of our lives. He said, If you love me, keep my commandments. And He has commanded us to love one another, love our neighbors, and to love our enemies.

The spirit brings with its indwelling, a list of spiritual fruit, and at the top of the list is love. Yes, love, and love is kind, it never faileth.



Many times we fail God, but He loves us. And God, in His great mercy, mercy that endures to all generations, has given us the Holy Ghost as Council for the defense, for we are too poor to purchase salvation, too foolish to fathom the deep mysteries of God.

But, yet, it's in the will of Jesus that we be with Him where He is. He told us, that eternal life is to know God the Father, and Jesus Christ His Son.

Listen, it's in His will that we hear Him say, well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord. It's a legacy of Jesus, yet it is!

Evangelist Rosa L. Monroe

BIBLE WAY C.O.G.I.C.

Cincinnati, Ohio

## Superintendent Eli Holman Honored By Central Jurisdiction of Ohio

The Honorable Superintendent Eli Holman, pastor of Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C., Warren, Ohio, was elated by two different Programs of celebration in his honor. These programs were in appreciation of Supt. Holman's service and inspiration as a pioneer doing the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Supt. Holman is a man of God and through his leadership many have been saved, received the gift of the Holy ghost, and healed. He is married to the First Lady of Tabernacle, Dist Missionary Thelma Holman. His Pastor's Aid Staff consists of Sis. Betty Sterling, president, Bro. Lester B. Sterling, vice president, and various committee members.

Also, the pastor is renowned for his delicious bar-b-que, as he is the proprietor of Eli's Famous Bar-B-Que.

The first Program of celebration was conducted on Saturday, May 27, 1989, featuring Superintendent Thurman Jefferson and his congregation, the Christian Fellowship C.O.G.I.C., in Toledo, Ohio. Supt. Jefferson's Choir rendered praises unto the Lord, and he delivered a spirit filled message that illuminated the people of God.

The second Program of celebration was conducted on Saturday, June 3, 1989, featuring jurisdictional prelate, Bishop Warren E. Miller of Central Jurisdiction of Ohio, and his congregation the Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C. located in Cleveland, Ohio. The Tabernacle Adult Choir rendered praises unto the Lord. Bishop Miller delivered the spoken word with the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Elder David Herron Sr.; St. James C.O.G.I.C., Warren, Ohio; Jurisdiction was likewise there.

Superintendent Elder Eli Holman was overwhelmed by the love that was expresses during the Programs of celebration!

Submitted by: Sis. Dorothy A. Sterling

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| *MUSIC MINISTRY          | - Christian Tabernacle Rhythms    |
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|                          | - Corinthian Temple Church Choir  |
|                          | - Faith Temple Church Choir       |
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| *INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER | - Supt. Franklyn E. Knight        |
|                          | - Supt. Emmanuel Newton           |
|                          | 2nd Vice Chairman, Elders Council |
|                          | - Elder Timothy Bouknight         |
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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 1989

### WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

TOPIC "Rightly Dividing the Word of God"  
PRESENTER - Dr. Kenneth Hammonds, Los Angeles, CA

WOMEN'S SESSION  
PRESENTER - Mrs. Mae C. Winbush, Lafayette, LA

BREAK

10:30 - 12:00 Noon

TOPIC "Leadership in the 90's"  
PRESENTER - Elder Jerry Macklin, Hayward, CA

BREAK

6:00 p.m. - BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY  
Keynote Speaker: The Most Reverend J. O. Patterson  
Presiding Bishop, CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 1989

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

TOPIC: "Health and the Black Minister"  
PRESENTER - Dr. Charles Washington, MD

BREAK

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - PANEL DISCUSSION

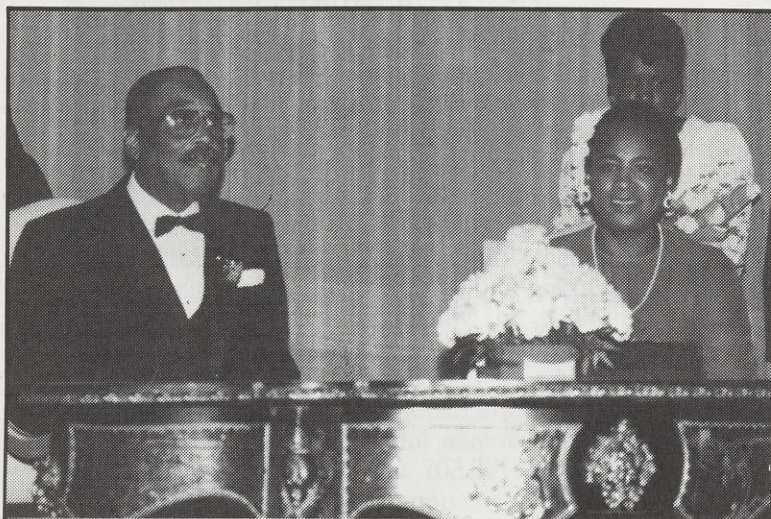
TOPICS: Church Financing/Operation of Christian Schools/  
Church Administration

PANELISTS: Dr. Samuel A. DeBose, Park Forest, IL  
Supt. Ocie Booker, "South Holland, IL  
Bishop Carlis Moody, Evanston, IL  
Dr. Dwight McDaniels, St. Louis, MO

CLOSING REMARKS & PRAYER "Health



## Regal Evening



*Bishop and Mrs. Patterson are seated while the program begins*



*The lovely Mrs. Mary Patterson speaks with well wishers*



*Guests, L to R, Deacon and Mrs. E. L. Stanton, Mrs. Gloria Hall, and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Wheelock enjoyed this evening.*



*Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr., wife, Rose and family enjoy the reception*

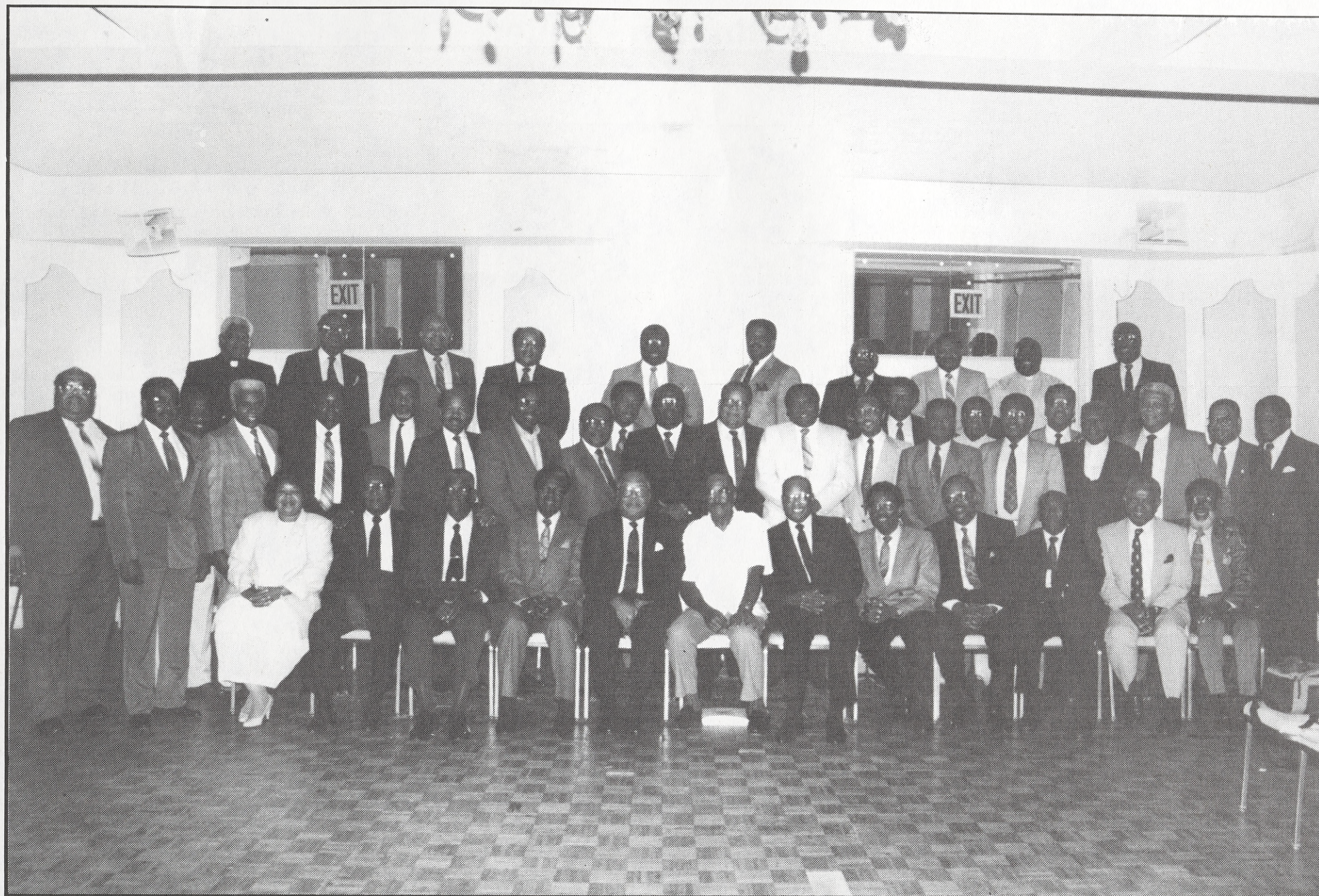


*Mother, Mary J. Hopkins is embraced by Bishop Patterson  
Mother is 102 years old.*



*Newly appointed Youth Department Public Relation Man, Elder Issac Patrick, and his lovely wife greet Bishop Patterson*





**Seated L to R:** Mother Lucy Flagg Ntareth, Supt. C.J. Jones, Bishop L.T. Blacksher, Bishop G.R. Ross, Cernal Secretary, Dr. Frank J. Ellis, Chairman General Assembly, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. Presiding Bishop; Bishop C.L. Sexton, Vice Chairman; Supt. Franklyn Knight, Bishop Nathaniel Wells, Bishop A.E. Reed, Elder Talbert Swan, Elder Arelis Walker.

**Standing L to R:** Elder Carl Howard, Elder J.D. Foster, Elder Mack Ritter, Bishop R. Chapman, Supt. T. Holsey, Elder Thomas Jackson, Secretary Exec. Comm; Supt. David Screven, Elder A. (Sonny) Baker, Supt. T.D. Cannon, Elder John West, Bishop C.D. Kinsey, Elder J.P. Morgan, Elder Thomas Hammonds, Elder F.C. Glover, Elder Harold Moore, Elder G. Wesley Hardy, Supt. A.M. Smith, Elder A.L. Hunt, Elder J. Safford, Supt. J. Dickens, Supt. Alton Barnes, Elder Joel H. Lyles, Jr., Dr. Cornelius B. Washington, MD.

**Standing Top Row L to R:** Supt. J.A. Brinkley, Supt. Harvey Lewis, Elder E. Bernard Alexander, Elder Charles Brown, Elder Solomon Williams, Supt. M.L. Butler, Elder C. Guidry, Elder E. Lucas, Elder E. Newton, Elder David L. Sanders.

**Members Missing in photo:** Elder Samuel Fluker, Elder Elmer Hunter, Elder DeWitt Hill, Elder John Butler and Elder Edward Carter.

## BY FAITH

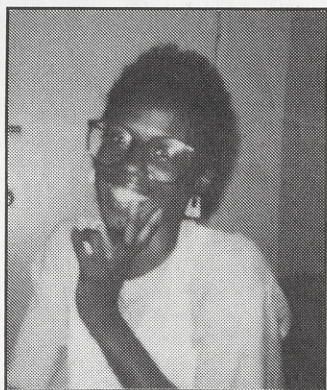
By Lynda Journett

I am a 28 year old young woman with two small children. I have been out of high school for 10 years. I had my first child in 1981. That was a real turning point in my life. Two-and-a-half years later I had my second child.

I thought my life was over. I was a person who liked to go shopping every day and didn't look at price tags. I liked to hold a job so that I could get nice, expensive clothes, and buy birthday and Christmas presents for family members. Once I had kids, I had to grow up sort of fast. I was determined to be a good parent even though I knew I was going to be a single parent.

Five years later I met a guy, an older fellow who I thought I was in love with, and thought he loved me. I tried to keep up with him and the Jones' for three years. The last year, 1988, was a Living Hell. I kept up with him alright. He was using drugs, and I tried to change him, but instead I changed myself.

I needed help! I was using drugs. Now I realize



this man and this type of lifestyle wasn't for me. I cried so loudly for help I ended up in a rehabilitation center, where I stayed for four days and nights.

While I was in there, I had a spiritual awakening with God. He had restored me back to my sanity. I left town the very next day after I got out of the hospital. While riding the bus, I was thinking and feeling that my God, our Father who art in heaven, had a plan for me. That was my turning point in my life--when I admitted I had a problem, went and got help, and most of all accepted Jesus Christ as my savior.

Yes I am a single parent, but I thank God, He came into my life. My oldest boy is now seven years old. He is an A student. I am very proud of him. That's what is keeping me going, because I am the one who has to help him keep his grades up. My youngest one will be in Kindergarten this year, and I am in School now taking up Word Processing. I am moving forward. It wasn't that bad. God has always been on my side. I am now in school furthering my education and looking for nothing but the best.

I know I cannot see the future, yet there is a blessing for me. This is why God only reveals it to me day by day. My first step each day is to lay my will before God as an offering ready for Him to do what is best for me. I am confident that God is powerful enough to do anything He will, and that no miracle in human lives is impossible with Him. I am leaving my future to God.

My last turning point thus far in my life is by the Grace of God.

## Houston / ULAC

The Power House Church Of God In Christ conducted its second annual United Local Auxiliaries Convocation. The theme for the week long activity was "Maintaining The Fundamental Principles Of True Holiness." Elder Robert J. Anderson is the pastor and developer of the ULAC.

It was a time of celebration and revitalization for the entire congregation. Power House is known in Houston, Texas as the church where the fire is falling, and now where instruction in practical auxiliary training can be received. This ULAC was an opportunity for the entire church and all its auxiliaries to stand front and center in support of the Lord and His ministries. Certainly, the Saints did exactly that and God surely blessed us all.

Nightly, a different speaker blessed the souls of the Saints. Scheduled to speak were Bishop Robert E. Woodard, jurisdictional prelate, Elder Donald Rudison, Elder Rufus Kyles, Elder James Strolger and on the official night, our pastor, Elder Robert Anderson.

There was a daily seminar conducted and the theme was amply developed. The souvenir booklet presented a complete outline of subjects. Clearly, all who attended received something from the Lord. We at Power House await the next ULAC with great anticipation.



## SAVE . . .

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On the other hand, children are being encouraged to "Just Say No". When at one point legislators contemplated legalizing drugs to routine users. Hundreds of lives are still being claimed by those driving under the influence of alcohol, while outstanding figures (Politicians, Entertainers, Sports Players, etc.) are being treated for substance abuse. Nudist Colonies are on the uprise, while "Swingers" offer an "Alternative Lifestyle" by being promiscuous. The Gay activists are constantly demonstrating for equal rights. And as we witness the loose and deteriorating moral standards of sexual freedom, "Just Saying No" seems a bit contradictory.

Even with the AIDS epidemic sweeping across the land, the emphasis appears to be on "Safe Sex" and not abstinence. From T.V. commercials to reality, the norm for the modern day apparel accentuates sex appeal. Low cut, bareback, long splits, real tight, and real short.

And who are the "Just Say No" advocates, that portray "THE GREAT PRETENDERS". Could it be the neighbors, co-workers, associates, or even us—the parents. Irregardless, mixed-messages are being sent out. Thus, the social ills have crept in, in full bloom, overtaking children from ALL walks of life.

Because the trend of today has shifted from family life to the success of ME, MYSELF, AND I—homes that remained together for the sake of the children are disseminating. With the erosion of the nuclear family, strength from within becomes extenuate, leaving fewer stable forces for children to rely on. Thus, when confronted with today's untimely issues, they yield, and become a victim of the system; only to end up relying on social programs or institutions.

Instead of breaking down the barriers that are hitting the children so hard, it appears they are denied and rationalized, with more and more excuses made for them. Thus, the social ills escalates as more children are alienated.

While its true society has successfully obtained power, prestige, material and economic gain, in the process, it failed the children. And just as the voice of weeping and mourning was heard in Rama (Matt. 2:18) when Herod pronounced judgement on the children of Bethlehem, a similar voice is being heard today. This time by the children themselves, through the corridors of abortion clinics, alcohol and drug abuse, illicit sex, street gangs, and suicide.

How wonderful it could be for the children if society would adhere to Jeremiah's exhortation to the Israelite's (Jer. 6:16) concerning the old path, the good way, and walking therein. Sadly to say, the response seems to be the same, "WE WILL NOT WALK THEREIN". Therefore, "SAVING THE CHILDREN" is up to God through his chosen individuals—not society. After all, look what society did to the child of God, in THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST.

Anne M. Johnson  
MOORE TEMPLE COGIC  
Louisville, KY

## Wallington - Miller Wed



Ms. Sharon Denise Miller was wed to Mr. Darrel Spenser Wallington of Melbourne, Florida, July 24, 1989. Sharon is the daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Calvin E. Miller of Memphis, Tennessee. Mrs. Geraldine Miller is the manager of the Church Of God In Christ Bookstore. Sharon was the assistant manager for 13 years before moving to Florida. The wedding was held at Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church Of God In Christ, and Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. preformed the ceremony.

The happy couple will reside in Melbourne, Florida where both are employed. May the Lord bless their union and give them years of happiness.

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